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FOR WILLIAM H. LUERS

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SUBJECT: BAHAMAS FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS: CONSULTATIONS
WITH UK

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1. IF AGREEABLE TO HMG, WE ARE PREPARED TO DISCUSS
BAHAMAS FACILITIES NEGOTIATIONS ON NOV. 14 RPT NOV. 14.
AS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED, WE WOULD PREFER HOLD DISCUSSIONS
IN WASHINGTON. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY LUERS WILL HEAD
US SIDE, WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM DEFENSE AND COAST GUARD
PARTICIPATING.

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2. IN ADDITION TO GENERAL DISCUSSION ON TACTICS AND UK

POSITION, WE HOPE TO HAVE SOME TECHNICAL, WORKING LEVEL
DISCUSSION ON QUESTION OF AUTEC OWNERSHIP AND ON FUTURE UK
USE OF FACILITIES. WE BELIEVE ONE DAY SHOULD SUFFICE TO
COVER SUBJECTS OF INTEREST TO BOTH SIDES.

3. WE WILL CONVEY ABOVE TO UK EMBASSY HERE, ASKING FOR
HMG REACTION ON TIMING, LOCALE, AND SUBJECT MATTER.

4. FOR NASSAU: YOU MAY INFORM MENNELL OF OUR PROPOSAL
HOLD CONSULTATIONS IN WASHINGTON NOV. 14. AS PER YOUR
SUGGESTION, BELIEVE WE SHOULD HAVE PRELIMINARY DISCUSSION
WITH YOU NOV. 13. INGERSOLL

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